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ANC6D Report

By Ron McBee

The SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D held its Sep. meeting at the Millennium Art Center at 65 I (Eye) St. S.W.

The city agency which owns the fee title of the Waterfront development (RLARC/NCRC) explained the terms of the proposed sale of the title to the Waterfront Developers. ANC6D will hold a special public meeting on Wed. Oct. 6 to discuss the sale and terms. (place to be determined). The ANC office has phone no. 554-1795.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 3rd and M St. S.W. explained its proposal to demolish the current structure and build a community center to use for worship and public meetings, a coffee shop and 78 affordable housing rental units in a 5-story complex.

Requests for grants by the ANC (including support for publishing The Southwester) were put over until the ANC can adopt guidelines at an administrative meeting set for Oct. 13.

The ANC decided to renew its request to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to review whether H2O Restaurant is operating as a restaurant or needs a club license.

The October regular open meeting of the ANC will be held on Mon., Oct. 18, rather than Oct. 11, the Columbus Day Holiday.

Jazz in Southwest, Sat. Sep. 25



Jazz in the Park at 4th & I street SW, noon to 9 PM.

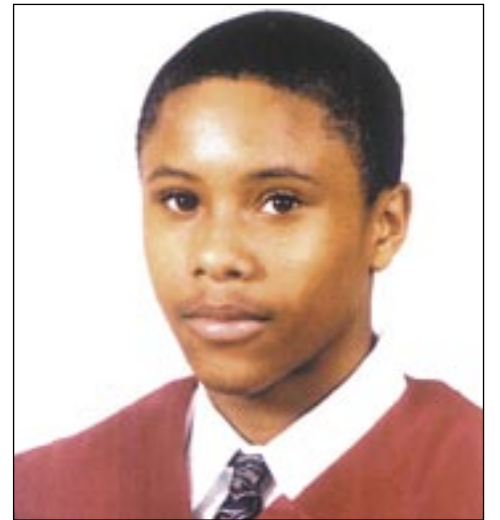
Housing Costs Threaten SW; Meeting Oct. 5

"Runaway housing costs about to chase you out of Southwest?" asks the flier for a "Special Community Meeting" Tues. Oct. 5 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.

"Do you feel that long-time residents are being 'planned' out of Southwest, AGAIN?" the flier continues. "Given the number of new residents coming

into Southwest, why hasn't the city shared plans for new schools and other service facilities?"

Sponsors Rev. Brian Hamilton and Ahmad Nuriddin have invited back Fannie Mae, which has held an earlier meeting of "faith-based" groups. District officials and others involved in major developments in Southwest have been invited.



George Washington

George Washington, Drive-by Victim

One of Southwest's most active and liked teenagers, Eastern High student George Washington, was killed in a drive-by shooting while sitting on his aunt's porch in Forestville, MD.

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SWNA Candidate Forum. Sep. 27

The monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Mon. Sep. 27, at 7:30 pm.

On the agenda is a candidate forum of candidates in the Nov. 2 election, and an explanation of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church's plan to build a new church with apartments on upper floors.

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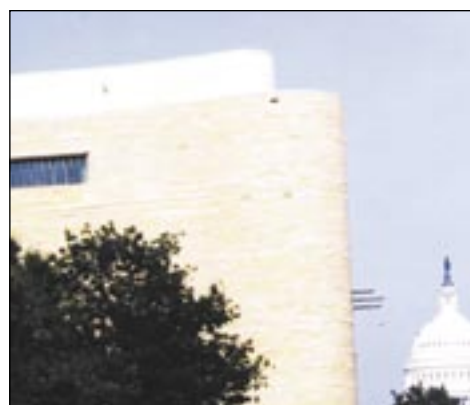
By Maurice Boyd

Grand Opening events for the National Museum of the American Indian include a 6-day festival of daily concerts, dance performances, storytelling, instrument and regalia-making demonstrations on seven venues on The Mall from Sep. 21 to 26..

The First Americans Festival Marketplace features the works of native artisans and festival performers. Tribal dances, songs and other traditions will be shared.

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October 6.**

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Raise Funds For SW Schools)**

by Susan Fischer

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Southwest Community Calendar

September 20 - October 31, 2004

MONTHLY

TUES. SEP. 21 Chamber Music, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 7:30 pm

WED. SEP 22 Forum on reentry from prison – S.W. Branch Library, K St. & Wesley Pl. S.W., 7 pm

THURS. SEP. 23, NARFE Meeting, SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St. S.W., 12:30 pm

THURS. SEP. 23, SW School Fundraiser, Westminster Church, 4th and I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm

SAT. SEP. 25, Jazz Preservation Festival, 4th St. & I (Eye) St. S.W. in park, 12 noon – 9 pm

SUN. SEP. 26 Fun Walk for Police Boys & Girls Club #4, West Potomac Park (west of 17th and Independence Ave. S.W.) Check in 8 am, run 9 am. \$25 registration.

MON. SEP. 27, Monthly public meeting of The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 7:30 pm

TUES. OCT. 5 Police Citizen Advisory Council 414 4th St. SW 7 pm

TUES. OCT. 5 Housing in Southwest. Public meeting at Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. 6:30pm – 8:30 pm

FRI. OCT. 8 - S.W. Night at Arena Stage, 1100 6th St. SW 8 pm

MON. OCT. 11 COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

MON. OCT. 11 Yard Sale and Festival, St. Augustine's Church, 6th St. & Maine Ave. S.W. –10 am – 4 pm

TUES. OCT. 12 Arena Stage Old Vat with M. Butterfly playwright, 7-9 pm

THURS. OCT. 14 Book Signing at Westminster Church

MON. OCT. 18 Advisory Neighborhood Commission open meeting – Millennium Art Center 65 I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm

WED. OCT. 20 AARP luncheon meeting, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 3rd & M St. S.W., 12 noon

MON. OCT. 25, Monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 7:30 pm

THURS. OCT. 28 NARFE meeting, SW Branch Library, 3rd & Wesley Pl SW, 2 pm (note change of time)

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon

COLLECTOR'S CLUB STAMPS - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm (202-291-62290)

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm


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NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. October 6

Chamber Music Tues. Sep. 21

The Southwest Chamber Music Players monthly performance will be Tues. Sep. 21 at 7:30 pm at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Sixth St. and Maine Ave. S.W.



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Arena Stage SW Open House

Southwest residents met many members of the staff of Arena Stage at an Open House in the Old Vat Room recently.

A wide variety of special programs for students were described, including 50% off for student groups, performances of student-written plays, and a continuance of the "Voices of Now" weekly workshops for Jefferson Jr. students. Information is available at 202-234-5782 (the Community Engagement office) or on the Arena web site www.arenastage.org.



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The Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro is a few blocks up 23rd St. NW.

For questions, call 202-223-5796.

DCHA Summit Tues. Sep. 28

Public housing tenants and voucher clients can come and go all day – with free raffles, breakfast and lunch – to a motivational conference at the D.C. Armory, 2400 East Capitol St. S.E. from 8 am to 5 pm Tues, Sep. 28.

Information tables will answer questions on housing, health, aging, GED applications and the like.

Public housing residents and voucher clients who are starting their own businesses and buying their own homes will tell others about their successes.

M. Butterfly Playwright At Arena Oct. 12

David Henry Hwang, whose award-winning play *M. Butterfly* is at Arena Stage through Oct. 17, will be in a panel discussion downstairs in The Old Vat Tues., Oct. 12 from 7-9 p.m.

The Smithsonian Institution is co-sponsoring the panel, entitled "Beyond *M. Butterfly*: Asian Pacific Theater Takes Flight in the New Century," as part of its Asian Pacific American Program.

Admission is free, but reservations are required – at 202-488-3300.

Sculpture Classes In SE

By Mark Clark

The Washington Sculpture Center, located in spacious, newly renovated studios at nearby 1338 Half St. SE, has just released a schedule of classes for fall 2004.

The center, a nonprofit organization, is offering a wide range of courses in stained glass, blacksmithing, bronze casting, glassworking, mosaics, metal fabrication and stone carving.

The class instructors are all working artists and acknowledged authorities in their fields. Reinaldo Lopez,

the center's co-founder and stone carving instructor, recently completed lion sculptures that grace the entrance of the National Zoo.

A recent tour of the 16,000 square foot facility revealed sparkling, well designed class rooms and work spaces, and the latest state of the art tools and equipment to help students turn their artistic fantasies into reality.

The class fees are quite modest, ranging from \$220 to \$300 plus cost of materials. You may call 202-479-6730 or access their website at www.DCSculpture.org for further information



Dontria Brawner received college grants from Westminster Church and the River Park Friends



Artist Ruth Cuestas with a mixed media collage.

Apex Gallery Show By Ruth Cuestas Of SW

Acrylic paintings, collage and monotypes by Southwest artist Ruth Cuestas will be shown at the Apex Gallery, upstairs at 406 Seventh St. NW, from Oct. 2 through the 30th.

Meet the artist at an opening reception Fri., Oct. 8, from 6



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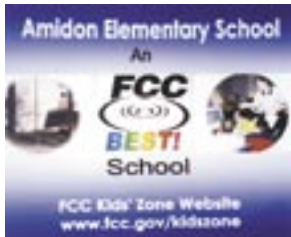
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FCC Starts Web Site "Kidzone"

Amidon Elementary School in SW was visited by Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell to launch a new web site to teach children about phones and radio/TV and other things the FCC regulates.



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Throughout the year FCC staffers mentor

Children logging on the FCC's site: www.fcc.gov and clicking on KID-

Amidon students and donate books and supplies.



FCC Chair Michael K. Powell addresses a class in the computer center at Amidon Elementary School.



The SW Youth Activities Task Force brought Southwest youth to Bolling Air Force Base for bowling and swimming during the summer.

Wilson, 3rd Best SAT Scores

Of the 16 public senior high schools in the District of Columbia, Woodrow Wilson – attended by more than 100 Southwest students – is #3 in SAT scores for 2003-2004.

Averages for the city are 402 in Math and 412 in Verbal. Wilson had 475 in Math and 482 in Verbal. Top schools were the magnet school Benjamin Banneker and School Without Walls at George Washington University.

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ON THE WATERFRONT

WANNA DANCE?

The First District Vice Squad must be doing a victory dance after the recent arrest of two of Southwest's alleged biggest (literally and figuratively) crack dealers in the James Creek Dwellings. For years, the portly brothers could be seen apparently distributing their wares and directing business on their bicycles, but a recent police stop is rumored to have produced a rock of crack cocaine the size of a grade A large hen's egg, and the fellows are getting ready to go away for a vacation at tax payer's expense.

The **SUMMER OF LOVE** is apparently over for good on Carrollburg Place after the pink Spandex clad residents of a rather bawdy house on the once quiet street managed to set fire to their rented home in the course of a six month long round the clock party there. Their hard pressed neighbors find the newly won silence almost deafening.

WELCOME BACK

Law abiding Southwest residents are heralding the return of their old friend, Officer Rob Elliott, after a lengthy tour of duty in Iraq. Baghdad won't be the

same without him.

EAST MEETS WEST at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, which is hosting one of the myriad events timed to coincide with the opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. Artwork by Santa Clara Pueblo Indian artist Margaret Bagshaw-Tidwell will be on display there for the month of October.

LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE?

The new security traffic checkpoints around the Capitol recently netted septuagenarian Southwest philanthropist Gerard T. Dunphy on charges that OW hopes will be laughed out of court. The eccentric Irish realtor was arrested and his son's train was detained for 82 minutes at Union Station while bomb-sniffing dogs searched for explosives. The time might have been better spent examining the arresting officer's head. We can only assume something has been lost in translation.

(Send items to OTW by e-mail at hotgossip20024@yahoo.com).

37 Yrs in S.W. – Moving On

By Mrs. E. Fowler

I came to live in SW DC in 1966 My youngest daughter was one year old. She is now 38 years old.

I've been living here for 37 years in May. It truly is historic for me to think of now and later years to come. I came in the good times and going out on bad times.

I feel as though I did the right thing to move out on my own and choose my place of being comfortable. I am glad I am able to make a choice for my living,

rather than someone else.

I will miss the walks through the park to the mall and having coffee near the subway.

I also raised four children and helped with five grandchildren. My friendly neighbor Mrs. Chamblean and Mrs. J. Matthews. My children were Ricky, Barry, Tammy and Jackie Fowler.

Thank you.

Mrs. E. Fowler – in 1966, out 2004.

Davinia Minnix At Law School

Davinia Minnix, SW graduate of Dunbar High and U of MD, College Park, has made the Dean's List and the Honor Roll during her second term of study at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in

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Bobbie McMahan Passes



Bobbie McMahan

Ms. Bobbie McMahan, a longtime Southwest resident and civic activist passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

As far back as May, 1974, The Southwester reports her many community activities:

- Resident of old Southwest and new SW since '63
- Activist in civil rights, housing and welfare for the last 17 years (before 1975)
- Prime mover of effort for 24 hour service and community center, became chair of SW Youth Neighborhood Group, which lasted until Sep. '76 at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

- Chairperson of Family Day
- President of 1200 Delaware Ave. Residents Council, and later for Greenleaf Annex:

- Elected to Board of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly

To these can be added many more, such as Board Member of the Southwest Community House, Amidon Neighborhood School Council, the International Food Festival and the South Washington Collaborative...

Ms McMahan was educated at Morgan State College, the University of D.C., and Temple Business School. Besides her children, she leaves four grandchildren and other relatives.

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George Washington, Rest in Peace

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"George Washington"

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"George was a sports-fanatic and played them all well. He led Clubhouse #4 and Jefferson Jr. High to many city championships, while playing to a level above his peers and showing great potential in the major three: Football, basketball and baseball.

"We will miss him....Rest in peace... Our number one...At clubhouse #4.

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At top, Candle-light vigil at King-Greenleaf Recreation field.



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